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1. ON APRIL 15 ENI (THE GOI NATIONAL HYDROCARBONS AUTHORITY AND HOLDING COMPANY), IRI (THE GOI INDUSTRIAL HOLDING COMPANY) AND FIAT ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF \$395 MILLION OF FARM INDUSTRY EQUIPMENT TO IRAQ OVER A SIX YEAR PERIOD.

2. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT, SIGNED IN BAGHDAD BY IRAQI AGRICULTURE MINISTER HASSAN FAHAMI JUMAA AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE ITALIAN FIRMS, THE ITALSTAT (LAND AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT) DIVISION OF IRI, THE TECNECO (ENGINEERING SERVICES) DIVISION OF ENI AND THE NUOVO CASTORO (AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT) DIVISION OF FIAT WILL SUPPLY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR:

A) THE COMPLETE RECLAMATION OF 20,000 IN THE AMARA REGION OF IRAQ FOR MECHANIZED RICE CULTIVATION,

B) FIFTEEN HECARES OF TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED GREENHOUSES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF 1200 ACRES FOR VEGETABLE CULTIVATION
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IN THE RADWANYAH REGION,

C) THE RECLAMATION OF 16,000 HECTARES FOR ADVANCED LIVESTOCK OPERATION, AND 1,250 HECARES FOR VEGETABLE CULTIVATION IN THE QADHA KUT REGION,

D) THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF FARM WORKER DWELLINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES FOR PROCESSING, STORING AND PACKAGING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THESE AREAS,

E) THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD SYSTEM AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THESE AREAS.

3. ITALSTAT WILL COORDINATE THE VARIOUS PROJECTS IN BEHALF OF THE CONSORTIUM.BEAUDRY

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